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ARRIVALS.

August 24, ABERDEEN, British str., 2,371, Matheson, Shanghai via Foochow 22nd August, General.—ADAMSON, BELL & CO.

August 25, POSANG, British steamer, 983, Iwane, Canton 25th August, General.—JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO.

August 25, HWA-YUEN, Chinese steamer, 982, Wilson, Canton 25th August, General.—C. M. S. N. CO.

August 25, OXUS, French steamer, 2,393, Pellegrin, Marseilles 23rd July, Naples 25th, Port Said 30th, Suez 31st, Aden 5th August, Colombo 13th, Singapore 19th, and SAIGON 22nd, Manila and General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

August 25, DEUTZER, German str., 1,719, A. E. Lüthjens, Saigon 21st August, Race and Paddy.—OEDER.

August 25, CONSOLIDATION, British steamer, 764, R. Young, Bangkok 18th August, General.—JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO.

August 25, KWANTUNG, British steamer, 674, M. Young, Foochow 23rd, Amoy 23rd, and Swatow 24th August, General.—DOUGLAS LARIBEE & CO.

August 25, H. PRINZENBERG, German bark, 557, Schoenemann, Rangoon 12th August, Timber.—MILCHERS & CO.

August 25, CHINA, German str., 648, Schoer, Swatow 24th August, General.—YUEN Fai Horo.

August 25, AGAMEMNON, British str., 1,625, Wilding, Shanghai 19th, and Foochow 23rd August, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIBRE.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.

A COUNT 25TH.

Prion, British str., for Amoy.

Carbrook, British str., for Singapore.

Fokien, British str., for Amoy.

Ajeh, Dutch str., for Batavia.

Bentley, British str., for Saigon.

Kwong-sang, British str., for Shanghai.

DEPARTURES.

August 25, WEXEL, German steamer, for Tientsin.

August 25, SEAPIS, British steamer, for Singapore.

August 25, CAMBRAK, British steamer, for Singapore.

August 25, FOXEN, British steamer, for Amoy.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Aberdeen, str., from Shanghai, &c.—Dr. and Mrs. Taylor, and 2 children, Misses. Ursula and Eugene.

Per OZUS, str., from Marseilles, &c.—For Hong Kong.—Mr. T. Lutz, and 1 amah, from Marseilles.—Frances M. and Mrs. Robert, from Dixon, Archbold, and servant, Rev. Dr. P. P. Paine, Mr. Plandolt and family, and Mr. Waghi and servant, from Saigon.—Rev. Mr. Prochnow, Messrs. Von Kee, Hsia Lam, Tan Theng, and 83 Chinese.

For Shanghai.—Rev. Thin, Messrs. Knop, Alles, and Gorde, from Marseilles.

From Aden.—Mr. Hsu Chang Po, from Batavia.—Mr. S. Murray, from Saigon.—Mr. Edmunds, and 23 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Consolation, str., from Bangkok.—Dr. and Mrs. S. Murray, from Saigon.

REPORTS.

The German steamer Dertes reports moderate S.W. monsoon throughout.

The German steamer Dertes reports light wind, calm and fine weather throughout.

The German steamer Dertes reports light S.W. winds and dry weather throughout.

The British steamer Aberdeen reports bad S.W. winds and dry weather in the Formosa Channel.

The British steamer Agamemnon reports from Shanghai to Foochow variable winds with dense heavy rain; chance to port calms and very fine weather.

The British steamer Kwangtung reports from Foochow to Amoy 11 Chinese. For H. Prinzenberg, bark, from Rangoon.—Chinago. For Kwangtung, str., from Coast Ports.—187 Chinese. For Agamemnon, str., from Shanghai, &c.—4 Chinese. For China, str., from Swatow.—Captain Schmidt, and 233 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Thales, str., for Amoy.—Mr. S. H. Lewis, for Foochow.—Mr. Van Asten.

NOTICES.

THE German bark H. Prinzenberg reports moderate S.W. monsoon throughout.

The German steamer China reports light S.W. winds and dry weather throughout.

The German steamer Dertes reports left Saigon on the 21st instant, and had fair weather throughout.

The British steamer Aberdeen reports had strong S.W. winds and dry weather in the Formosa Channel.

The British steamer Agamemnon reports from Shanghai to Foochow variable winds with dense heavy rain; chance to port calms and very fine weather.

The British steamer Kwangtung reports from Foochow to Amoy had fresh S.W. gale and high winds, and dry weather throughout the port. From Amoy to Shanghai variable winds with dense heavy rain; chance to port calms and fine weather. From Swatow to port calms light. Weather fair, calm and fine weather. In Foochow str., Agamemnon, B. rope, and Norden. In Amoy str., Dordet, Hallion, and C. H. Kian. In Swatow str., Mifoo, Yung-ching, Hojan, and Dore. On the 22nd str. Norden left Amoy for Foochow.

VESSELS ARRIVED IN EUROPE FROM PORTS IN CHINA, JAPAN, AND MANILA.

(For last Mail's Advice).

Carnarvonshire (s.), Hawke July 15 Florence Louise Macao July 18 Jason (s.) Shanghai July 18 Verona Shanghai July 18 Leon III (s.) Manila July 20

VESSELS EXPORTED AT HONGKONG.

(Corrected to Date).

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Hornbeam and Whampoa Dock Company's
Shares—\$22 premium.
Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.
Shares—\$22 premium.
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.'s Shares
3 per cent. premium.
Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—\$22 per share.
Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—\$103 per share.
China Rubber Company, Limited—\$127 per share ex div'd.
China Sugar Refining Company (Debentures)
3 per cent. premium.
Luson Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$127 per share.
Hongkong Ice Company's Shares—\$146 per share.
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited
Shares—\$200 per share.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1852—Nominal.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1857—Nominal.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1858—2 per cent. premium.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1861—24 per cent. premium.

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE

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EXTRACTS.

A RECENT RESIGNATION.
When raged the conflict, fierce and hot,
And Snyders' guns conspired to dim me,
My conscience writhed at every shot,
My very soul grew sick within me;
I shut my eyes; let I should see,
I closed my ears to Egypt's shriek;
My deep regard for W. G.
Preserved my righteous lips from speaking.
So long no French and Muslim fought,
Together vied in cut-throat matches,
Till the snarling war at night,
And kept my honour under hatches.

"Twas sin in the last degree
That now should one another say so;
But do respect for W. G.
Would not shame me to say so;
But when the deadly strife was o'er,
I learned again my peaceful home;
Said I: "I can spare no more;
I am a Quaker—not a Jinga!
My grand old man is close to me,
But Justice is my reputation;
I love thee still, my W. G.
But take, O take my resignation."
—*St. James's Gazette.*

QUEER STORIES.

MR. PARCHMENT'S NEW CLIENT.
Mr. Parchment generally regarded a new client with a certain amount of distrust, being an old-fashioned family solicitor of conservative notions, with a very jealous and wealthy connection. But Mr. John Downing came to him with an introduction from a reliable source, and at a glance Mr. Parchment was favourably impressed by him. He turned out to be an elderly gentleman, somewhat infirm, with an air of importance and quiet dignity which the lawyer had learnt from experience to associate with a good rent-roll and a predilection for the Three Per Cent.

Mr. Downing commenced by apologising for the lateness of the hour he had chosen for his visit, it being then between six and seven o'clock in the evening. Observing that the old gentleman was unflustered up to the eyes, and spoke in a hoarse whisper, as though he were suffering from some affection of the chest, Mr. Parchment remarked upon the improvidence of his venturing out after dark.

"If it does me any harm, I shall have to bear the consequences," replied Mr. Downing rather sharply. "The fact is, nobody knows I have come out. At the present moment I am supposed to be confined to my room with bronchitis."

Mr. Parchment opened his eyes at this, but said nothing, while the old gentleman indulged in a quiet chuckle which terminated in a fit of coughing.

"I asked our mutual friend, General Turnbull, to introduce me to a solicitor of confidence, on whose discretion and integrity I could rely," said Mr. Downing, when his cough had ceased. "He gave me a letter to you, and I have taken the earliest opportunity of calling. I wish to make a fresh will, Mr. Parchment."

"So I anticipated," said the lawyer, who had guessed what was coming.

"I intend to dispose of my property in a manner that my relatives would not approve of," continued Mr. Downing, "and therefore I wish to have my will drawn by a gentleman of eminence and standing in the legal profession."

"A wise precaution," said Mr. Parchment, dryly.

"I shall also ask you, as a master of business, to act as one of my executors," said Mr. Downing. "It will then be your duty to uphold the will, in case it should be disputed."

"I hardly think, sir, that my business engagements will permit me to accept the office," replied the lawyer, who did not relish the prospect of being made responsible for the vagaries of an eccentric testator.

"I said, man of business. Of course, I should not think of asking you to act for nothing," said Mr. Downing. "I will leave you five hundred guineas for your trouble, and besides that, there will probably be a good deal of profit attached to the winding up of my estate."

Mr. Parchment perceived from this speech that he had to deal with a shrewd, clear-headed man, and he therefore felt less hesitation about complying with his wishes. No doubt the legacy and the prospect of future business had their influence also, though the lawyer affected to be quite indifferent to these inducements. He reflected a few moments and then said:

"Well, Mr. Downing, it will depend, of course, on the nature of the trust."

"There will be no complication, for I propose to leave everything to one individual," replied Mr. Downing. "I may mention that I am a bachelor, and my only near relation is a nephew, who has behaved badly to me, so I am determined to disinherit him."

"It is, as you say, the master's quite straightforward. I shall have no objection to act," said Mr. Parchment, taking up his pen, and drawing a sheet of paper towards him. "Will you give me the necessary instructions for my will?"

"I leave everything to Edward Alfred Husketh, and appointed him joint executor with you," said Mr. Downing, readily.

"And who may Mr. Husketh be?" inquired the lawyer, as he wrote down the name.

"My man, sir, I suppose you ought to call him," answered the old gentleman.

"Dear me!" exclaimed Mr. Parchment, leaning back in his chair. "And you leave him everything?"

"Yes."

"Absolutely?"

"Of course. You see your duties will be very simple."

"But have you considered, Mr. Downing?"

"I know all that," interrupted the old gentleman, testily; "that is what everyone will say, and that is why I wish a lawyer of responsibility like yourself to act as my executor, in order to protect his interests. You will find Husketh a very decent fellow, well-educated, and so on, and quite gentle, man enough to make better use of my money than my nephew could."

Mr. Parchment said no more, as it was quite clear that Mr. Downing had deliberately made up his mind. After all, the lawyer felt no interest in the disinterested heir, and he knew instinctively that his new client was not a person likely to be swayed by impulse, or to take a serious step without exercising his judgment. He therefore drew up the will according to instructions, not omitting the legacy to himself; and Mr. Downing called and executed it in due form the following evening, insuring upon paying the fees on the spot. The will was confided to Mr. Parchment's care, and the new client took his departure, apparently much relieved in mind.

But the lawyer felt very uncomfortable when he reflected upon the matter. The idea of a client bequeathing his property to a servant, to the exclusion of his own relatives, was repugnant to Mr. Parchment's old-fashioned notions of justice and decorum; and his consciences shots him for not having protested more strongly against such a disposition. To ease his mind, he resolved to call upon old Mr. Downing, and make an effort to induce him to modify his will in favour of the nephew; but this project was the outcome of several weeks' uneasy reflection, and in accordance with the legal propensity for procrastination, he put off his visit from day to day, until he was shocked and startled to hear of the death of the object of his solicitude.

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